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SUBJ: MICRONESIA CLAIMS AGREEMENT: RICE EXPERT CONTRACT;
OTHER PENDING QUESTIONS

REF: A. TOKYO 2378

B. TOKYO 2136

1. ON MARCH 3 OFFICIAL OF JAPANESE FIRM WHICH HAS CONTRACTED
(SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY FONOFF) TO PROVIDE RICE EXPERT
TO TTPI (Y. KIMURA, DIRECTOR, NOMURA OVERSEAS ENTERPRISE CO).
CALLED ON EMBOFF TO INQUIRE RE STATUS OF RICE EXPERT CONTRACT.
EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT EMBASSY NOT IN POSITION TO SUBMIT CON-
TRACT TO FONOFF FOR CONFIRMATION UNTIL IT RECEIVED PERMISSION
FROM WASHINGTON TO SUBMIT CONTRACT BASED ON INTERPRETATION
(SET OU REF B) OF LANGUAGE OF CLAIMS AGREEMENT, AND EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT SUCH PERMISSION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN IMMEDIATE
FUTURE. KIMURA SAID HE IS CONCERNED WITH POSSIBILITY THAT
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EXPERT WHOM HE HAS RECRUITED MAY BECOME IMPATIENT WITH DELAY

RE CONTRACT AND SEEK OTHER EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. IF THIS CONTINGENCY SHOULD MATERIALIZE, KIMURA FEARS HE MAY BE UNABLE TO RECRUIT ANOTHER QUALIFIED EXPERT IN NEAR FUTURE. KIMURA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG COULD AGREE TO INTERPRETATION OF LANGUAGE AND INFORM FONOFF, AND THAT FONOFF COULD THEREUPON CONFIRM CONTRACT AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO AVOID RISK OF LOSING RICE EXPERT AND DELAY IN FINDING ANOTHER.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: IT WILL BE UNFORTUNATE IF DELAY IN ANSWERING PENDING QUESTIONS AND CONFIRMING RICE EXPERT CONTRACT RESULT IN FURTHER DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PORTION OF PROCUREMENT. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT REPLY SOONEST WHETHER INTERPRETATION OF CLAIMS AGREEMENT LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY FONOFF (REF B) IS ACCEPTABLE TO USG AND WHETHER RICE EXPERT CONTRACT BASED ON THIS INTERPRETATION MAY BE SUBMITTED TO FONOFF FOR CONFIRMATION. IN EVENT DEPT NOT YET ABLE TO REPLY TO THESE QUESTIONS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO RE PRESENT STATUS OF VARIOUS PENDING MATTERS RELATED TO CLAIMS AGREEMENT. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT HICOM JOHNSTON AND A NUMBER OF SENIOR TTPI OFFICIALS, SOME OF WHOM HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES CONCERNING CLAIMS AGREEMENT, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON DURING NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS IN CONNECTION WITH CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS. PRESENCE OF THESE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON WOULD SEEM TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR RESOLVING VARIOUS PENDING QUESTIONS RE CLAIMS AGREEMENT.
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